

Amend CSSB 7 (senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to ARTICLE 2 of the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of ARTICLE 2 accordingly:

SECTION 2.____. Subchapter B, Chapter 87, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 87.0271 to read as follows:

Sec. 87.0271. OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT DEFECT: SIGNATURE VERIFICATION COMMITTEE. (a) This section applies to an early voting ballot voted by mail:

(1) for which the voter did not sign the carrier envelope certificate;

(2) for which it cannot immediately be determined whether the signature on the carrier envelope certificate is that of the voter;

(3) missing any required statement of residence; or

(4) containing incomplete information with respect to a witness.

(b) If the signature verification committee determines that a timely delivered ballot is unable to be accepted under Section 87.027, the signature verification committee shall, not later than 48 hours after making the determination, notify the voter of the defect and inform the voter that the voter may come to the early voting clerk's office in person not later than the fifth day following the notification to correct the defect.

(c) The secretary of state may prescribe any procedures necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 2.____. Subchapter C, Chapter 87, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 87.0411 to read as follows:

Sec. 87.0411. OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT DEFECT: EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD. (a) This section applies to an early voting ballot voted by mail:

(1) for which the voter did not sign the carrier envelope certificate;

(2) for which it cannot immediately be determined whether the signature on the carrier envelope certificate is that of the voter;

(3) missing any required statement of residence; or

(4) containing incomplete information with respect to

a witness.

(b) If the early voting ballot board determines that a timely delivered ballot is unable to be accepted under Section 87.041, the early voting ballot board shall, not later than 48 hours after making the determination, notify the voter of the defect and inform the voter that the voter may come to the early voting clerk's office in person not later than the fifth day following the notification to correct the defect.

(c) The secretary of state may prescribe any procedures necessary to implement this section.